

FBI Chief Says ^{F-Post 7-16-71} Panthers Killed Three Policemen

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Thursday that acts of violence linked to the Black Panther Party resulted in the deaths of three policemen in the past year.

Hoover, in his report for the fiscal year ending June 30, said "the true nature of the BPP, despite its efforts to camouflage its activities, is exemplified by its assaults on police.

"Between July 1, 1970, and June 15, 1971, acts of violence traced to the Panthers resulted in the deaths of three law enforcement officers and the wounding of 21 others," Hoover said.

The FBI refused to divulge the names of the slain policemen, but said the killings occurred in Omaha, Neb., Detroit, and Toledo, Ohio.

A spokesman said the refusal to name the victims was based on the FBI's desire to protect their survivors from additional grief.

A check of the cities listed by the FBI showed there were violent police deaths on the dates indicated by the agency.

In Detroit, patrolman Glenn Smith, 26, was shot and killed last Oct. 24 outside a house police said was headquarters for the National Committee to Combat Fascism.

Twelve Black Panthers were acquitted June 30 of murder charges in connection with the shooting but three of them were convicted of felonious assault.

Another Detroit patrolman, Marshall Emerson, was wounded in the incident.

In Omaha, patrolman Larry D. Minard was killed last Aug. 17 when a boobytrap bomb exploded in a vacant house to which an anonymous call directed police.

Two persons, 23-year-old David Rice and 26-year-old Edward Poindexter, were convicted of first-degree murder in the death. Both were officers in the National Committee to Combat Fascism.